



Jerry

On Saturday morning June 10, 2017, Jerry a 7 year old male neutered goat presented to Mount Laurel Animal hospital. He lives with his family and another goat in Cape May County. That morning his owner found Jerry limping on his right front limb. Jerry went see his regular Vet and was sent to us for evaluation and surgical repair of his leg. When Jerry was first seen, he was unable to use his right front limb and there was a lot of instability in the limb just below his right elbow. Radiographs were taken and it was determined that Jerry had fractured both the radius and ulna bones between his elbow and carpus (like our wrist). There were two options for poor Jerry-he either needed aggressive fracture repair or to be humanely euthanized.

Based on the location of the fracture it was determined that the best way to repair it would be to use a plate and screws. While this option would result in the best outcome, there was a lot involved and the plate and screws alone were very expensive. While Jerry's family loves him, it would have been a financial hardship for them. After discussion with Dr. Christopher Torre, we agreed to work with Jerry's family to get Jerry the help he needed. The family applied for an Empath grant was awarded \$1000 toward their bill. So after a weekend of supportive care in the hospital with a supportive bandage to help control Jerry's discomfort, his fracture was repaired by Dr. Zeev Schwartz and Jerry went home to his family. Probably the best part of this story is that when Jerry was discharged, he screamed with joy when he heard his mom's voice. Because of empath and the generosity of the owners of Mount Laurel Animal hospital, Jerry was able to return home for his recovery period.